

WELCOME!



June 22, 2006

Dear Grantees,

As the associate commissioner for the Administration on Children, Youth, and Families, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to the participants at the 2006 Annual Conference for Grantees of the Mentoring of Children of Prisoners (MCP) program. I look forward to meeting and talking with many of you over the next two days. I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities during this conference to learn and share knowledge with your fellow grantees, your MCP federal program specialist, subject matter experts, and the MCP Technical Assistance Center staff.

"Inspire. Connect. Impact." is the theme of this conference. We hope to: **inspire** you with new ideas and helpful information from subject matter experts and colleagues; **connect** you with fellow grantees to share materials, insights, and information; and **impact** your organization to help you achieve your project goals and impact the lives of children.

You have an exciting two days ahead, starting off this morning with mentor-mentee recognition and awards, which will be followed by a keynote address from David Eisner, chief executive officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service. Tomorrow kicks off with inspirational talks from Reverend Dr. W. Wilson Goode, Sr., president and founder of Amachi, and Dr. Jean Rhodes, author of the nationally-acclaimed book *Stand By Me*. Both days of the conference will feature excellent training and plenary sessions on mentoring practices and successes.

I look forward to our time together and am confident that these next two days will be a positive and informative experience!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harry Wilson".

Harry Wilson
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